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Data Storage Optimization Method

the specification of which [] is attached hereto.
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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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